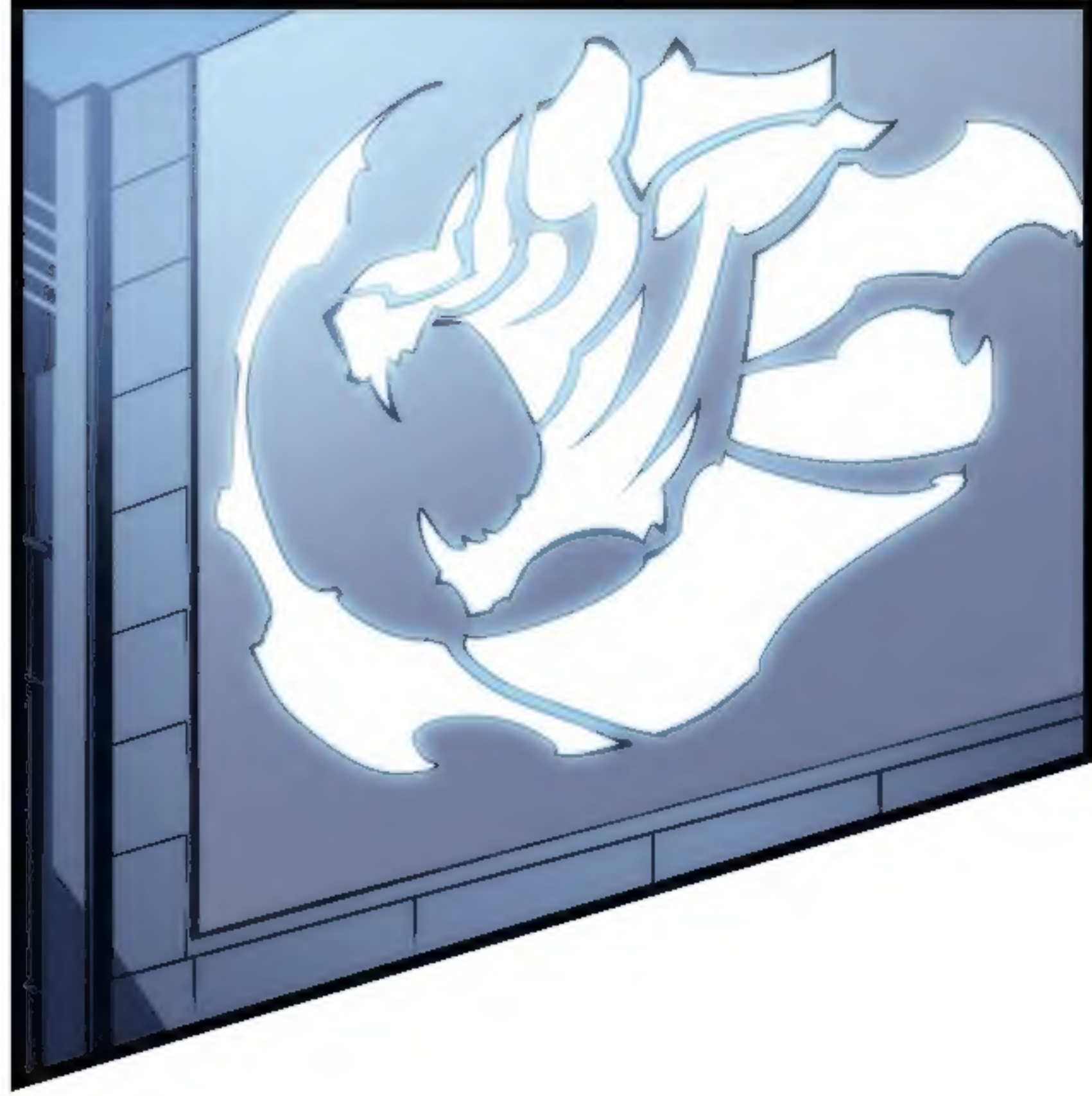


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SO IT'S
POSSIBLE?

A HUNTER
THAT CAN BECOME
STRONGER ACTUALLY
EXISTS...



I WONDER
HOW MUCH HE'S
WORTH.

TRYING TO RECRUIT
SUNG JINWOO WAS
JUST A WASTE OF
TIME AND ENERGY.

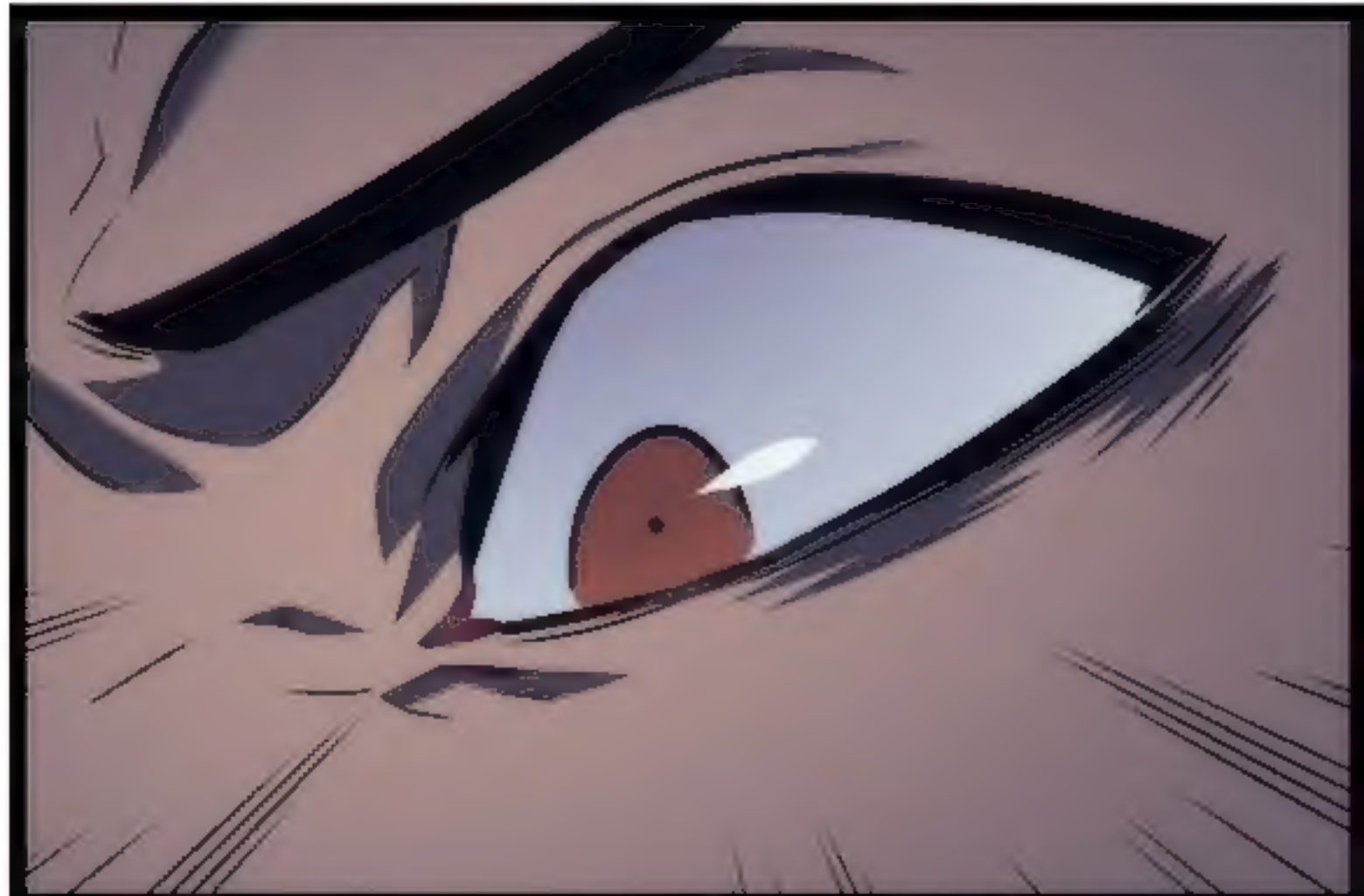
BUT THERE ARE MANY
OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN
A RELATIONSHIP WITH A
TALENTED HUNTER.



BZZZ

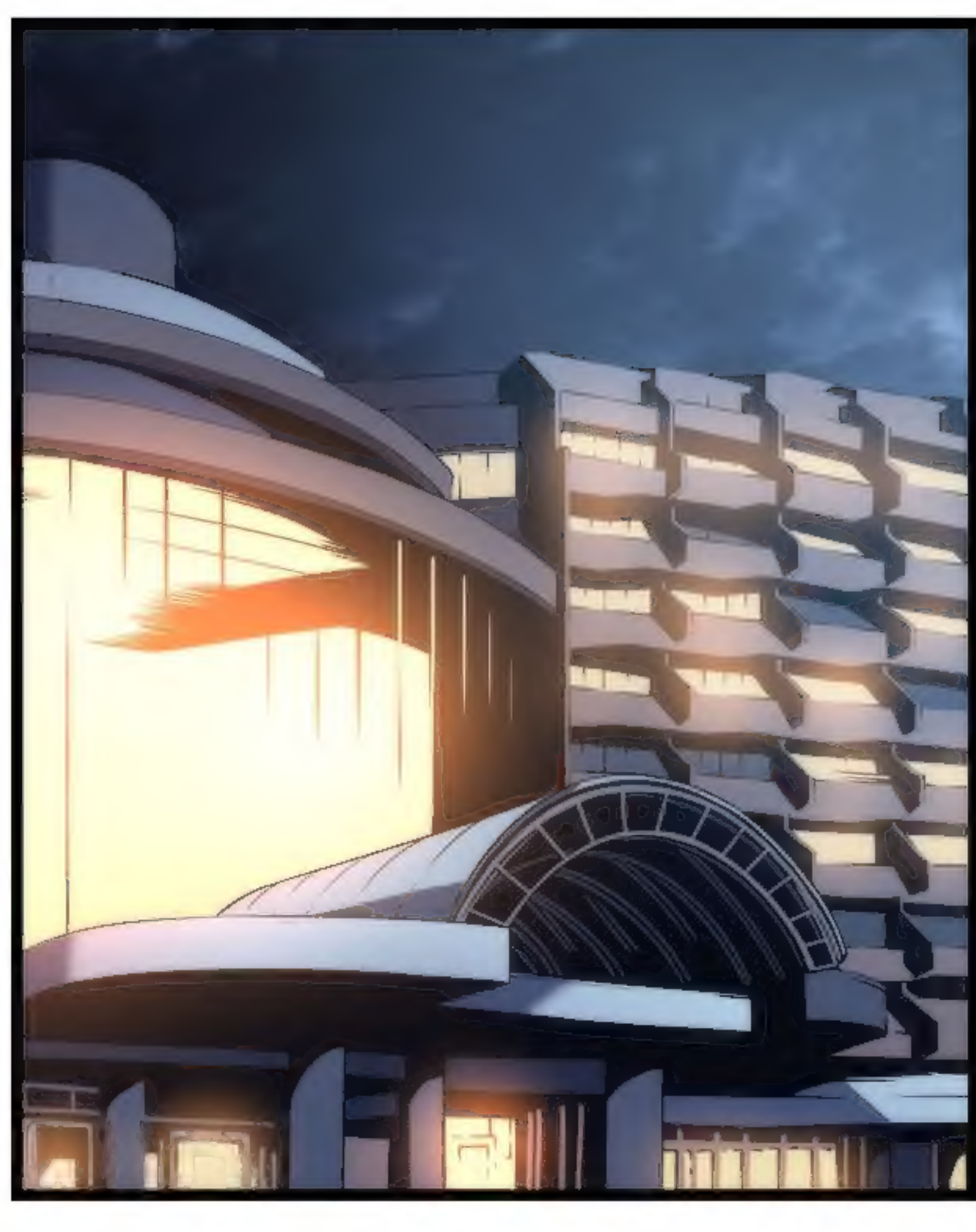
IT'S TIME FOR
PLAN B.

LOOKS
LIKE THIS IS THE
LIST OF HUNTERS THAT
WILL BE PARTICIPATING
IN THE UPCOMING
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY
MISSION.



**SUNG JINWOO
IS NOT ON THE
LIST?!**





MR. SUGIMOTO.

...IT TURNS OUT
THERE IS A PRETTY
SKILLED HUNTER HERE
IN SOUTH KOREA.



HAHA,
BUT SURELY NOT
AS STRONG AS YOU,
MR. GOTO.



SUGIMOTO REIJI (S-RANK)
VICE GUILD MASTER OF
THE BLADE GUILD


WELL... I'M NOT
SO SURE ABOUT
THAT.



WHAT IS THE
HUNTER'S
NAME?

SUNG JINWOO.

HE UNDERWENT A
SECOND AWAKENING
AND WAS RECENTLY
EVALUATED AS AN
S-RANK.



THAT'S ODD.
I DON'T SEE HIS
NAME LISTED
HERE.

WHAT? WHAT DO
YOU MEAN HIS NAME
ISN'T LISTED?


AH, PARDON ME.
I DIDN'T EXPLAIN.

SOUTH KOREA JUST
SENT OVER THEIR LIST
OF HUNTERS.

CHOI JONG-IN, MA
DONGWOOK, BAEK
YOONHO, CHA HAE-IN,
LIM TAE-GYU, AND
MIN BYUNG-GU.

THESE SIX HUNTERS
MAKE UP THE SOUTH
KOREAN TEAM THAT WILL
BE HEADING TO JEJU
ISLAND IN FOUR DAYS
TIME.

THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.



CHAIRMAN GO WOULD
BE CRAZY NOT TO INCLUDE
A HUNTER AS STRONG AS
SUNG JINWOO IN HIS RAID
TEAM...

NO NEED TO WORRY.
THERE WILL BE 16
S-RANK HUNTERS
PARTICIPATING IN THIS
UPCOMING RAID.

EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE.

ALL RIGHT...

I GUESS I GOT
WORRIED FOR
NOTHING.

I'LL GIVE YOU
ANOTHER CALL
ONCE THE RAID
BEGINS.

OKAY.

HALLASAN,
BAENGNOKDAM*



*A crater lake that sits on top of Hallasan, or Mount Halla. The name translates to "white deer lake."

**WE MUST ABANDON
THIS ISLAND.**

THERE IS NO
FOOD HERE.

OUR CHILDREN
ARE EATING THEIR
CHILDREN.



THERE IS NO LONGER
ANY FOOD HERE TO
SUPPORT THE CITIZENS
OF OUR KINGDOM.

**WE CANNOT
ALLOW THIS TO
CONTINUE.**



WE NEED
A STRONGER
SOLDIER...

AN ALL-POWERFUL
SOLDIER TO LEAD THE
CITIZENS OF OUR
KINGDOM.

FOR THE

FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
KINGDOM,

MAKE THE ENEMIES
WHO STAND IN OUR
WAY TREMBLE IN
FEAR.

FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
KINGDOM,



MAKE THE ENEMIES
WHO STAND IN OUR WAY
TREMBLE IN FEAR.

MAKE THE
ENEMIES WHO
STAND IN OUR
WAY TREMBLE
IN FEAR.

YOU MUST BECOME
STRONGER.





YOU MUST BECOME
STRONGER

SECRET

CONSUME ALL THERE
IS TO CONSUME...



...AND BECOME
STRONGER,

MY CHILD.



THIS PLACE IS A MESS. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE DIDN'T CLEAN WHILE I WAS AWAY AT THE DEMONS' CASTLE.



IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE I'VE DONE HOUSEWORK.



HOW ABOUT WE ALL CLEAN TOGETHER?



JINWOO,

DID YOU...

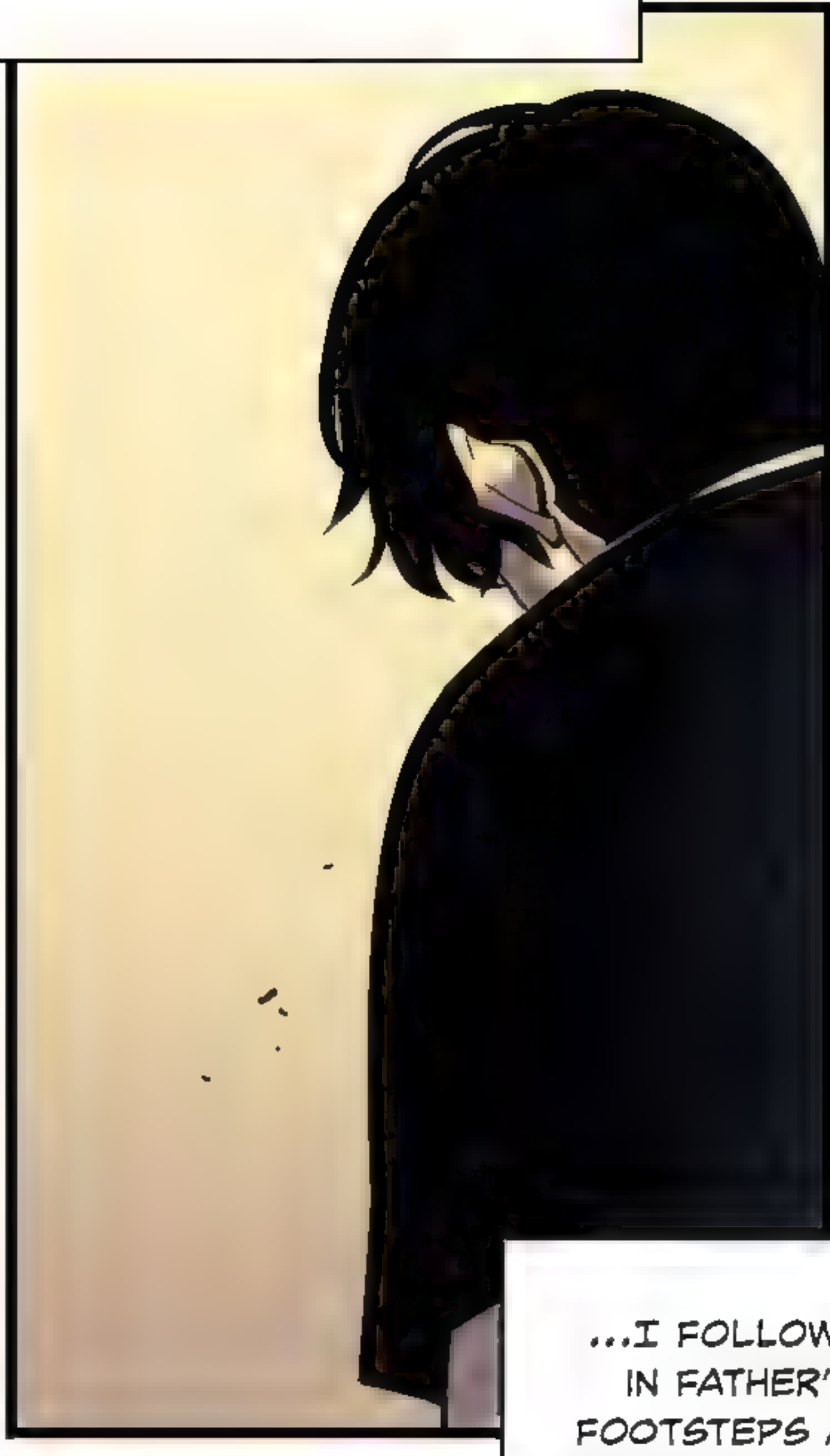
...RECEIVE ANY
NEWS ABOUT YOUR
FATHER...

...WHILE I WAS
ASLEEP?

...

NO.

I WONDER WHAT MY
MOTHER WOULD SAY IF
I TOLD HER THAT...



...I FOLLOWED
IN FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS AND
BECAME A HUNTER.

HE'S
THE REASON WHY SHE
DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE
THIS OLD APARTMENT.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE
ALREADY MADE MORE
MONEY THAN MOST
PEOPLE WILL EVER SEE
IN A LIFETIME,

HE'S THE REASON
WHY WE'RE STILL
HERE, PAYING RENT
EVERY MONTH.

ALTHOUGH HE WENT
MISSING YEARS AGO,
SHE'S STILL WAITING
FOR HIM,



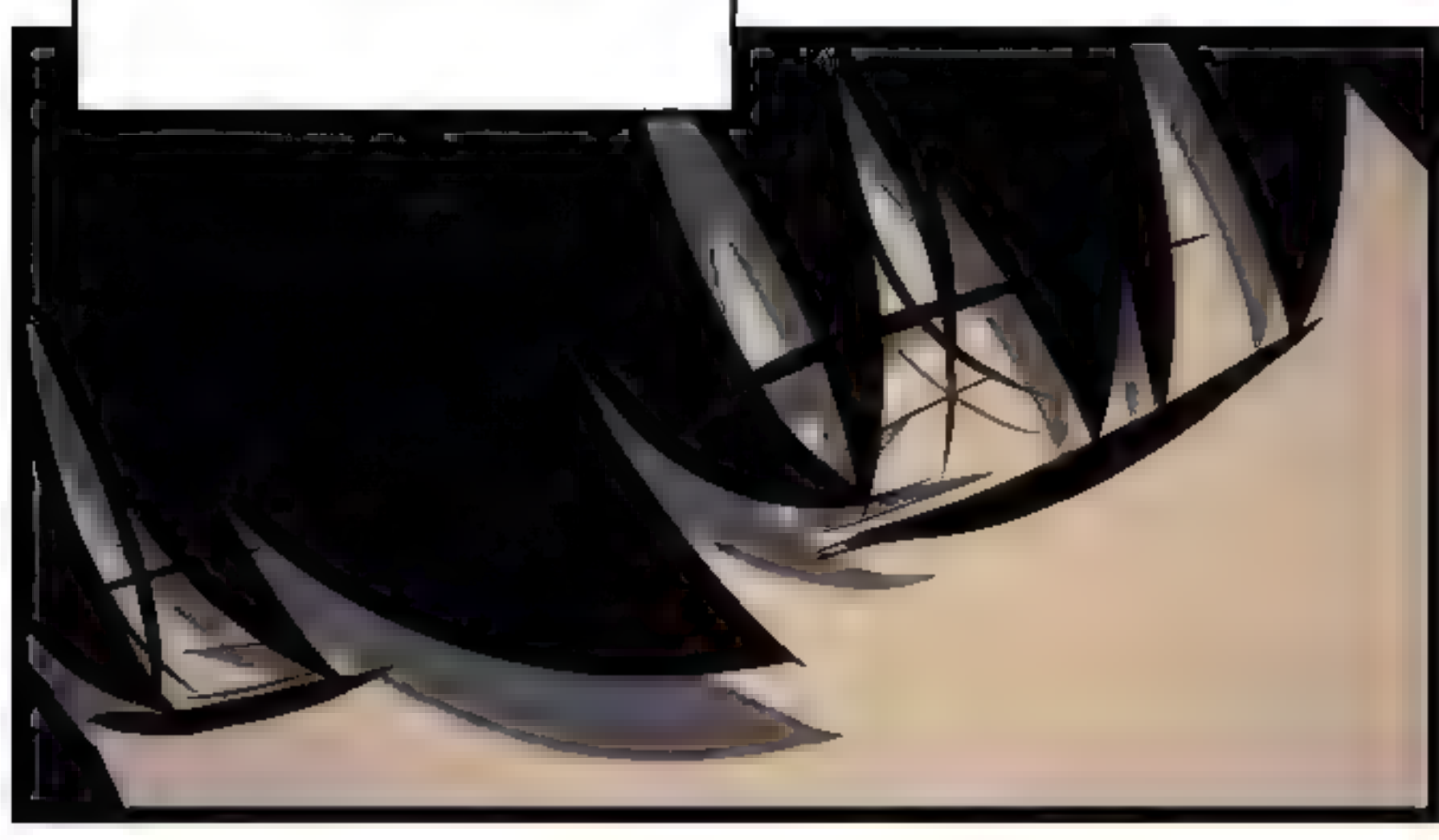
HOPING THAT HE'LL
COME BACK ONE DAY.

THIS FAMILY,
NO...



MY MOTHER
NEEDS ME.

THE JEJU
ISLAND RAID
IS...



THE ANTS ARE
EVOLVING AT AN

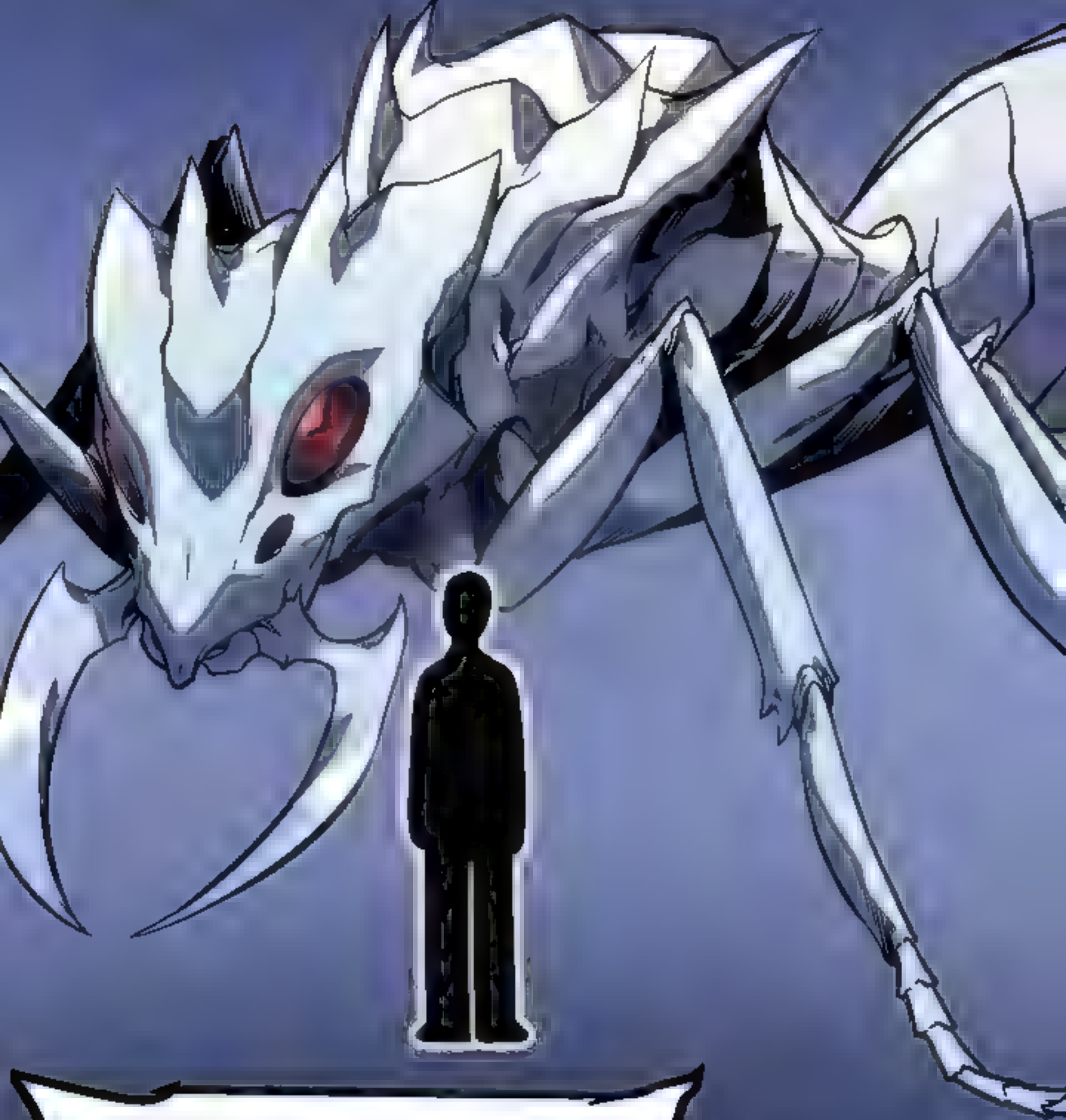
EVOLVING AT AN
ASTOUNDING
SPEED.



WHEN THE NUMBER OF
MUTANTS INCREASES
AND TAKES OVER THE
ENTIRE COLONY,

WE CALL THAT
EVOLUTION.

THIS HERE IS
A PICTURE OF AN ANT
PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE TIME
OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY
MISSIONS.



IN THE BEGINNING,
THEY CRAWLED ON
THE GROUND LIKE
REGULAR ANTS.

THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO
BE ANY DIFFERENCE IN
APPEARANCE, OTHER
THAN THE FACT THAT
THEY WERE JUST
GIGANTIC IN SIZE.

HOWEVER,





*THIS IS A PICTURE THAT WAS
TAKEN DURING THE THIRD
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY
MISSION.*

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ANTS ARE NOW STANDING UPRIGHT LIKE HUMANS, AND THEIR HEADS HAVE BECOME MUCH SMALLER, ALLOWING FOR MORE NIMBLE MOVEMENT.

THEY CAN NOW USE FOUR OF THEIR LEGS AS HANDS, TOO.

IT ONLY TOOK TWO YEARS FOR THEM TO CHANGE THE CORE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR SPECIES.

IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. THIS HERE IS THE MOST RECENTLY TAKEN PHOTOGRAPH. THIS IS THE BEAST THAT WREAKED HAVOC IN JAPAN.

THEY NOW POSSESS MORE HUMAN-LIKE FEATURES...

...AND EVEN HAVE WINGS ON THEIR BACKS.


THOSE THINGS CAN FLY AROUND?



YES.

THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED TO CREATE A UNITED TEAM.

EVEN A PERFECTLY CAPABLE HUNTER WOULD WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM A FRIGHTENING MAGIC BEAST LIKE THAT.



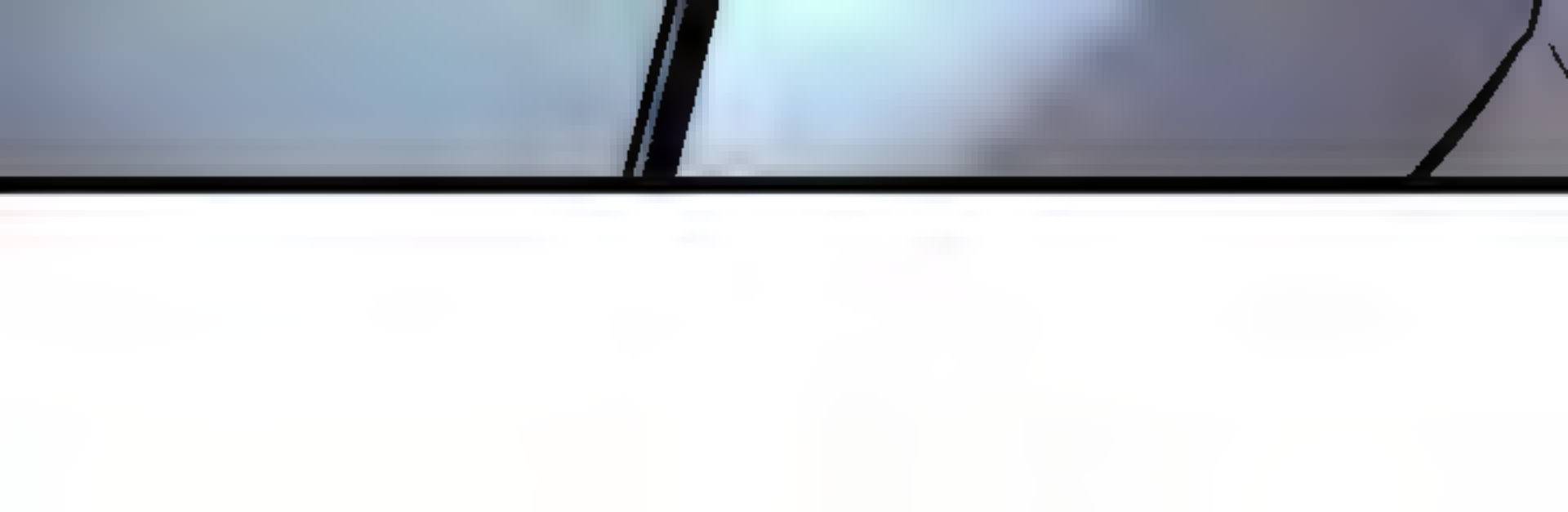
TRUE. HOWEVER, THERE'S A RETIRED HUNTER WHO MUSTERED UP THE COURAGE TO JOIN THE RAID.

But why isn't Sung Jinwoo on the list?

He may have become an S-rank, but he's still the same person. Once an E-rank, always an E-rank. He probs pissed his pants and ran away lol

Even Min Byung-gu came out of retirement for this... Sung Jinwoo where you at? bahaha

So he just peaced out after becoming an S-rank? So cringe...






ANYWAY, I FOUND US
AN OFFICE SPACE. DO
YOU HAVE TIME TO COME
AND TAKE A LOOK?



AN OFFICE
SPACE?

YOU NEED AN
OFFICE IF YOU
WANT TO FORM
A GUILD!

WHAT DO YOU THINK,
SIR? I CHOSE THE
BEST OPTION OUT
OF ALL THE
BUILDINGS NEAR
YOUR APARTMENT!



...ISN'T THIS PLACE
A BIT TOO BIG FOR
JUST THE TWO
OF US?

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
YOU NEED AT LEAST
THREE HUNTERS TO
ESTABLISH A
GUILD.

A GUILD MASTER,
A VICE GUILD
MASTER, AND AN
EMPLOYEE.

THEN THAT
MEANS I HAVE TO
RECRUIT ONE
MORE PERSON.

I'LL
JUST PICK AND
CHOOSE A HUNTER I
KNOW TO FILL THE
HEADCOUNT...

OH, YEAH.
SOMEONE WAS
LOOKING FOR
YOU, SIR.

FOR ME?

WHO?

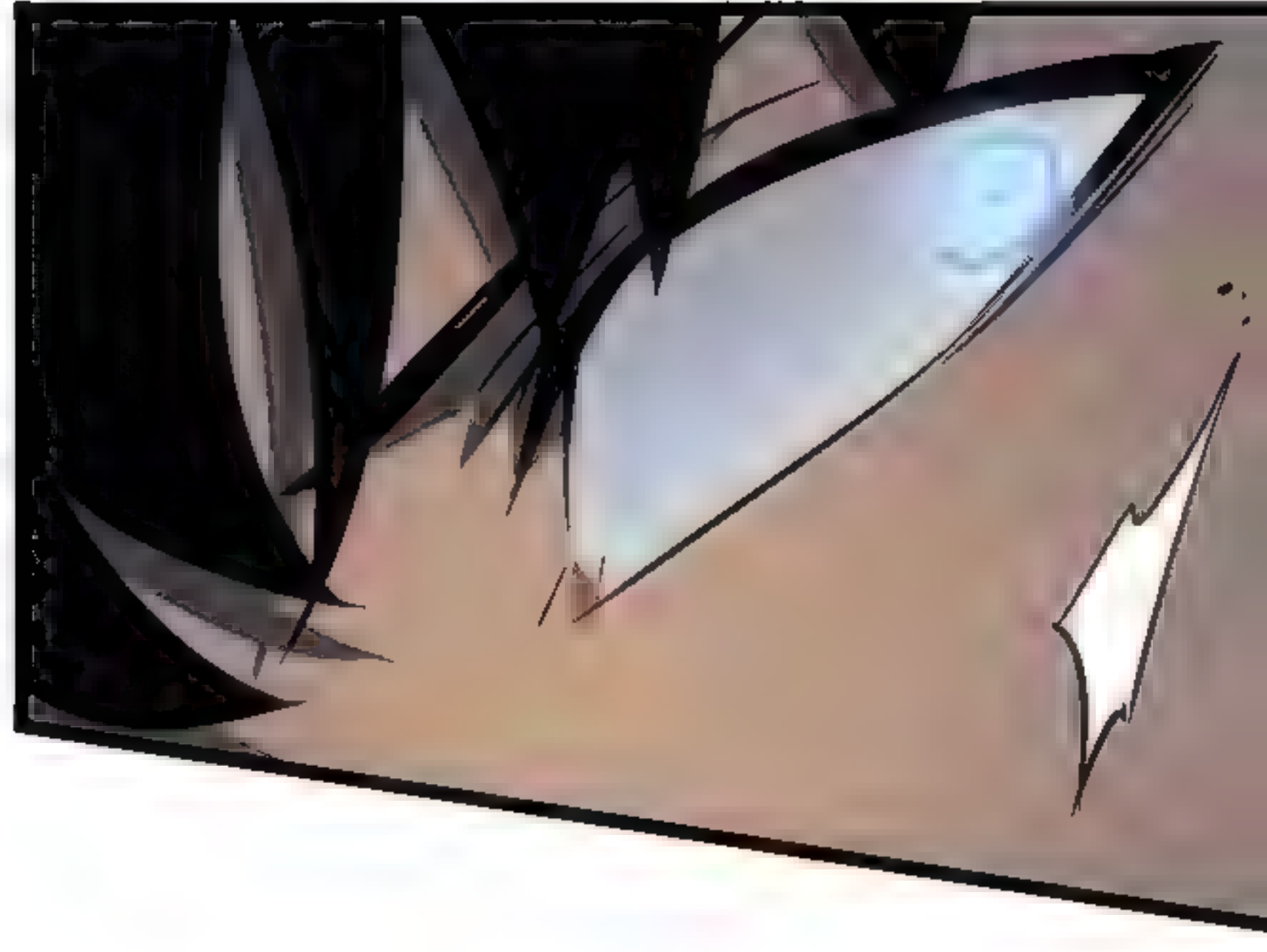
RUMMAGE

IT WAS A
FOREIGNER...

THEY WANT YOU TO GIVE
THEM A CALL. THEY SAID
THEY'D BE IN KOREA UNTIL
THE 17TH OF JULY.



A FOREIGNER...?
WHO COULD IT BE?



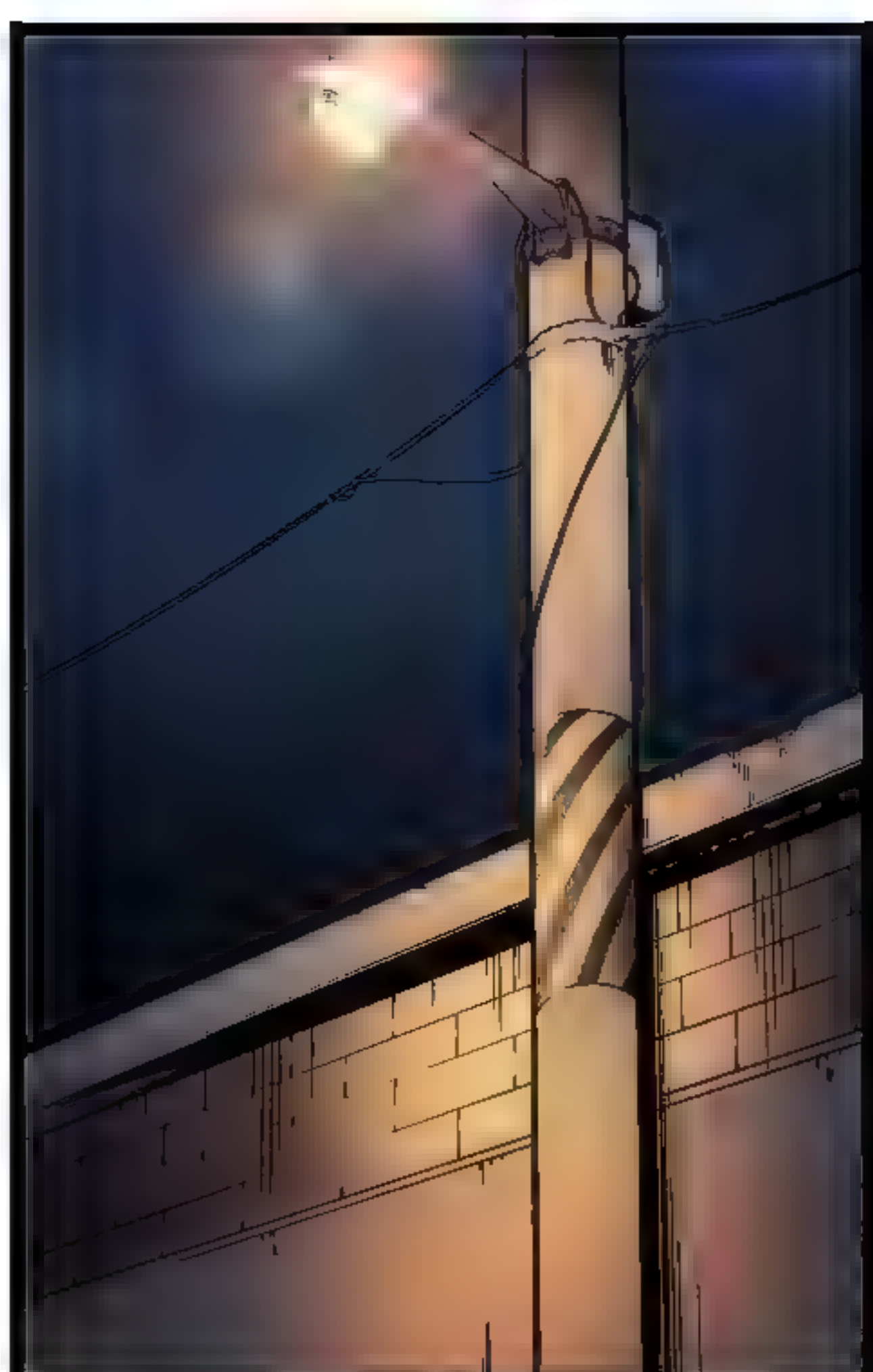
UH, HOLD ON.

FSHHH

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, SIR?

I NEED TO
GO HOME.







AH...
P, PLEASE,
DON'T KILL
ME...

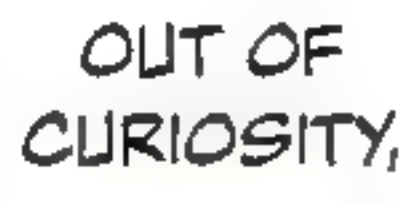
THIS IS
WHY I LOVE THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD.



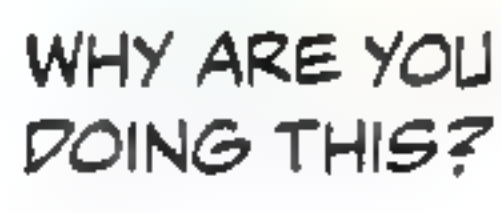
I KNOW, RIGHT?
I LOVE THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD,
TOO.







OUT OF
CURIOSITY,



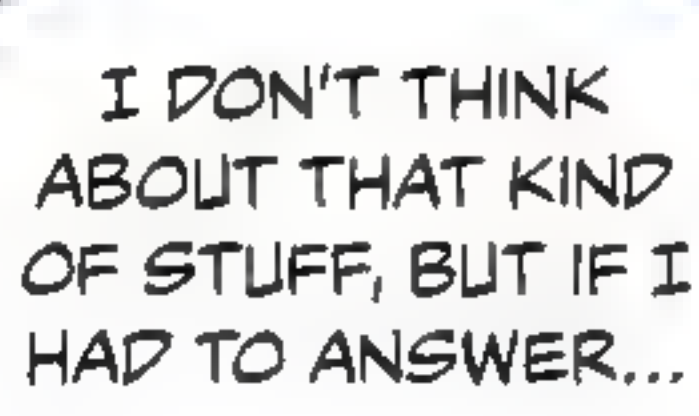
WHY ARE YOU
DOING THIS?



YOU HERE TO
LECTURE ME OR
SOMETHING?



REASONS
SHMEASONS.



I DON'T THINK
ABOUT THAT KIND
OF STUFF, BUT IF I
HAD TO ANSWER...



**...BECAUSE
IT'S FUN?!**



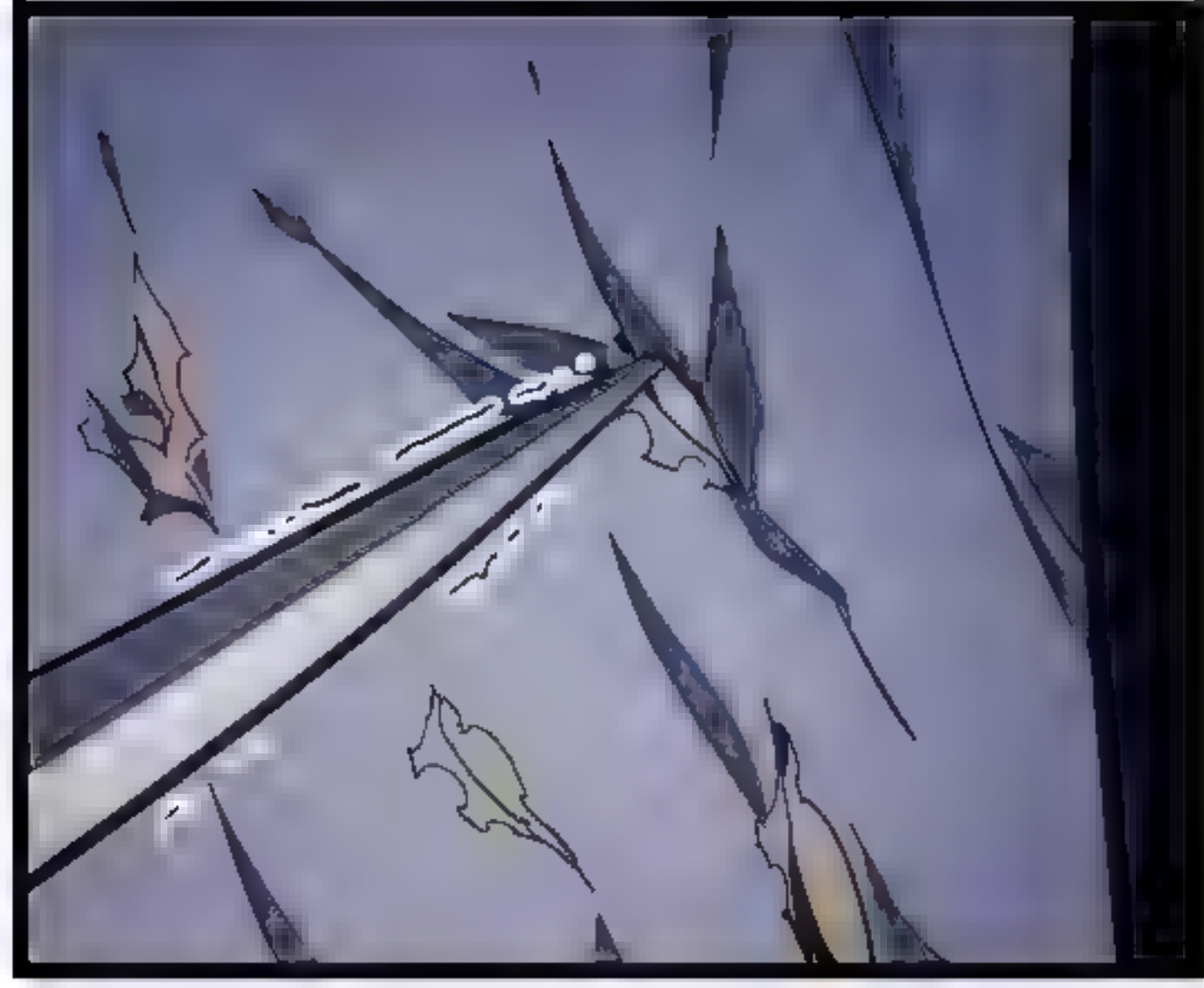
SWOOSH



WHEN I SET MY
SIGHTS ON SOMEONE
WEAKER THAN ME, I
GET THE URGE TO
HARASS TH-



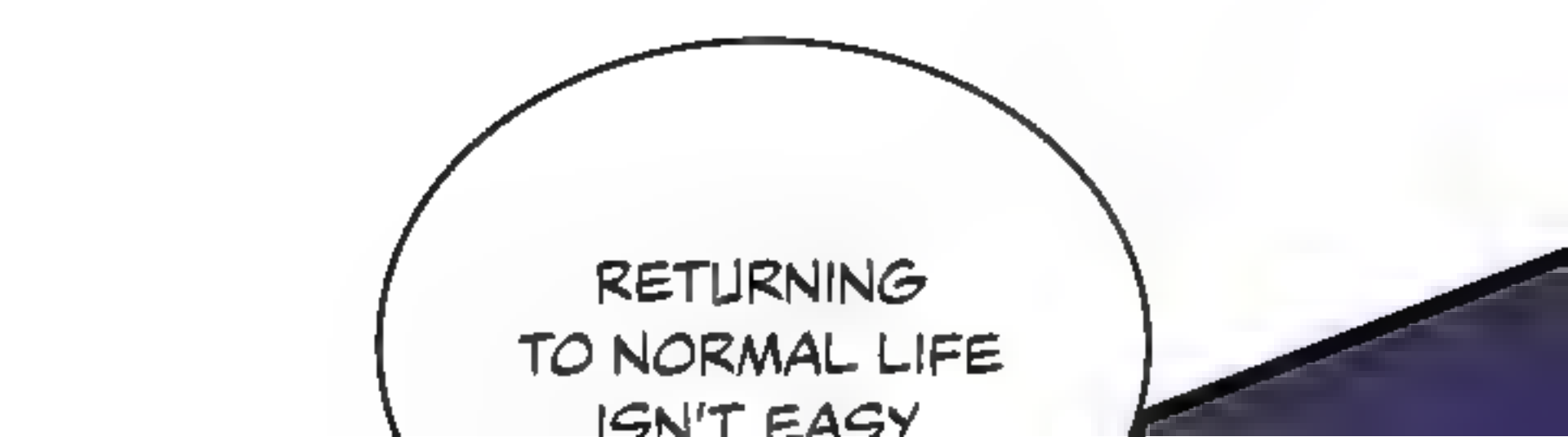
I CAN
SOMEWHAT
RELATE TO
THAT.



ONCE YOU
GET A TASTE,
THOUGH,



RETURNING
TO NORMAL LIFE
ISN'T EASY



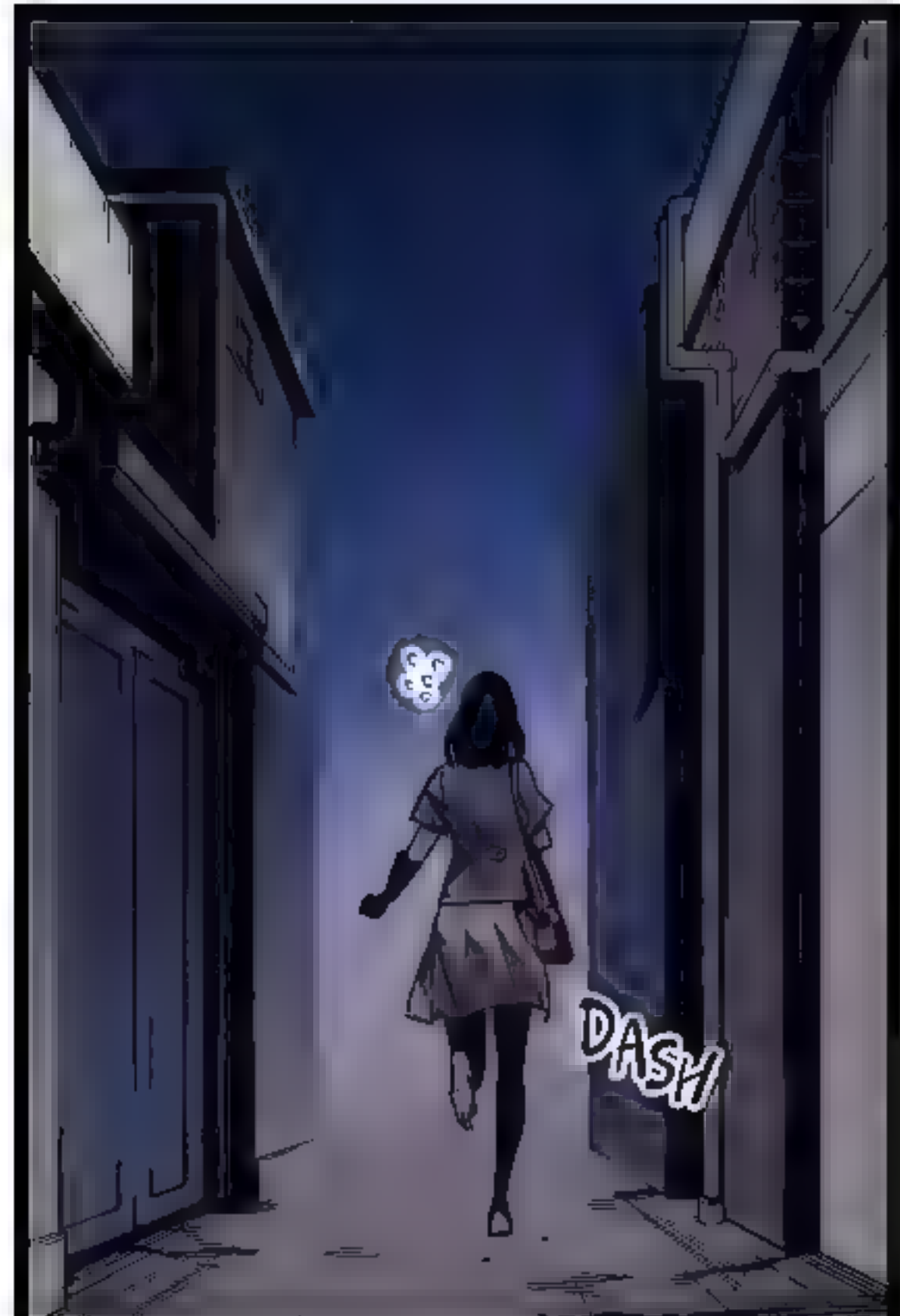


AAAHHH!!
ARGH!!

IT WOULD'VE
BEEN NICE TO
GO HOME...

...BEFORE
IT GOT SO
DARK.





TURN YOURSELF IN
BEFORE MIDNIGHT.



IF YOU
WANT TO LIVE,
THAT IS.





IF HE DOESN'T
TURN HIMSELF IN
BEFORE MIDNIGHT,
KILL HIM.

I WOULD VERY
MUCH LIKE FOR
YOU TO LIVE.



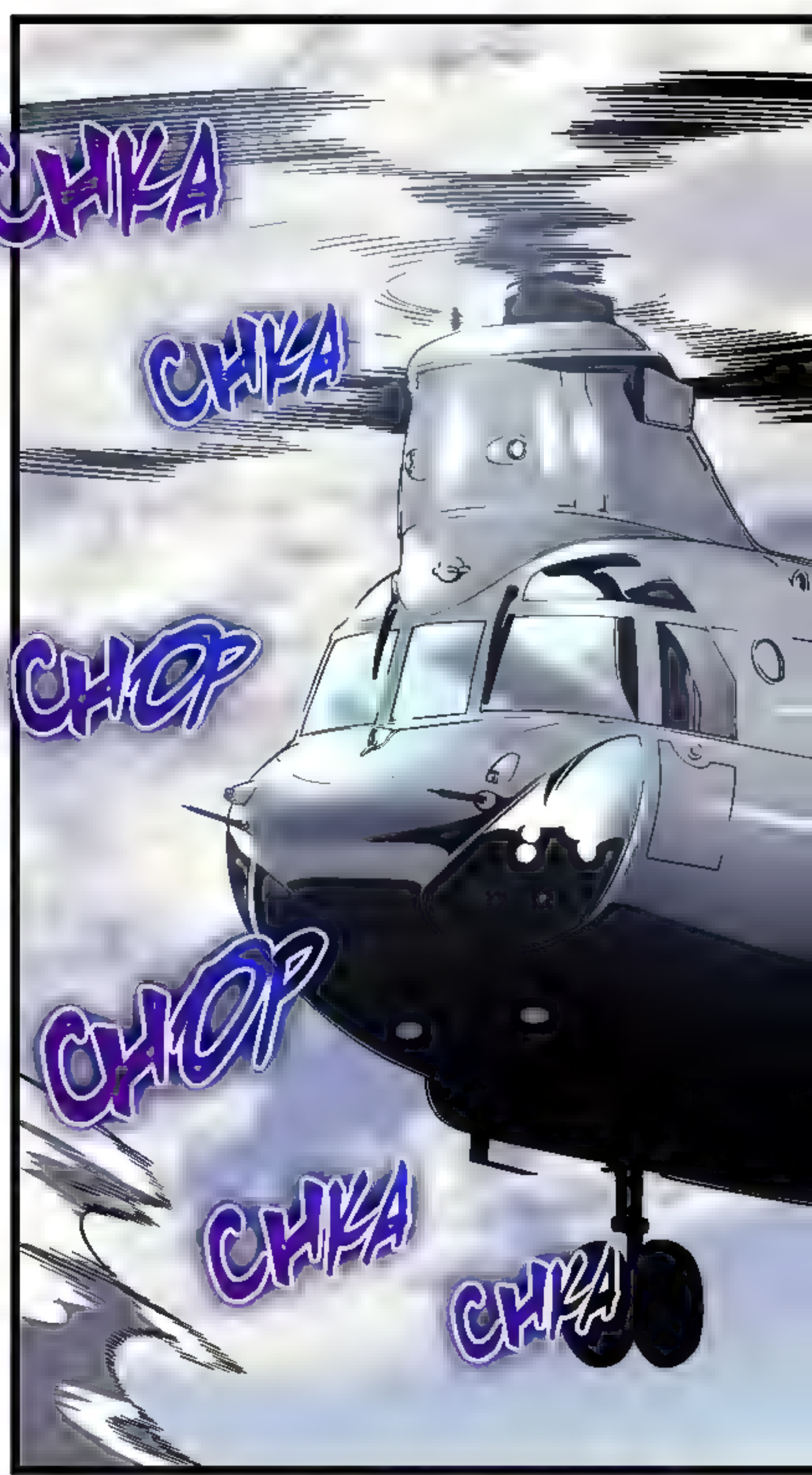
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE
EXACTLY HOW PATIENT
MY HIGH ORC SHADOW
SOLDIER IS...

TOMORROW'S
THE DAY...



...THE JEJU
ISLAND RAID
BEGINS.

THE NEXT
DAY





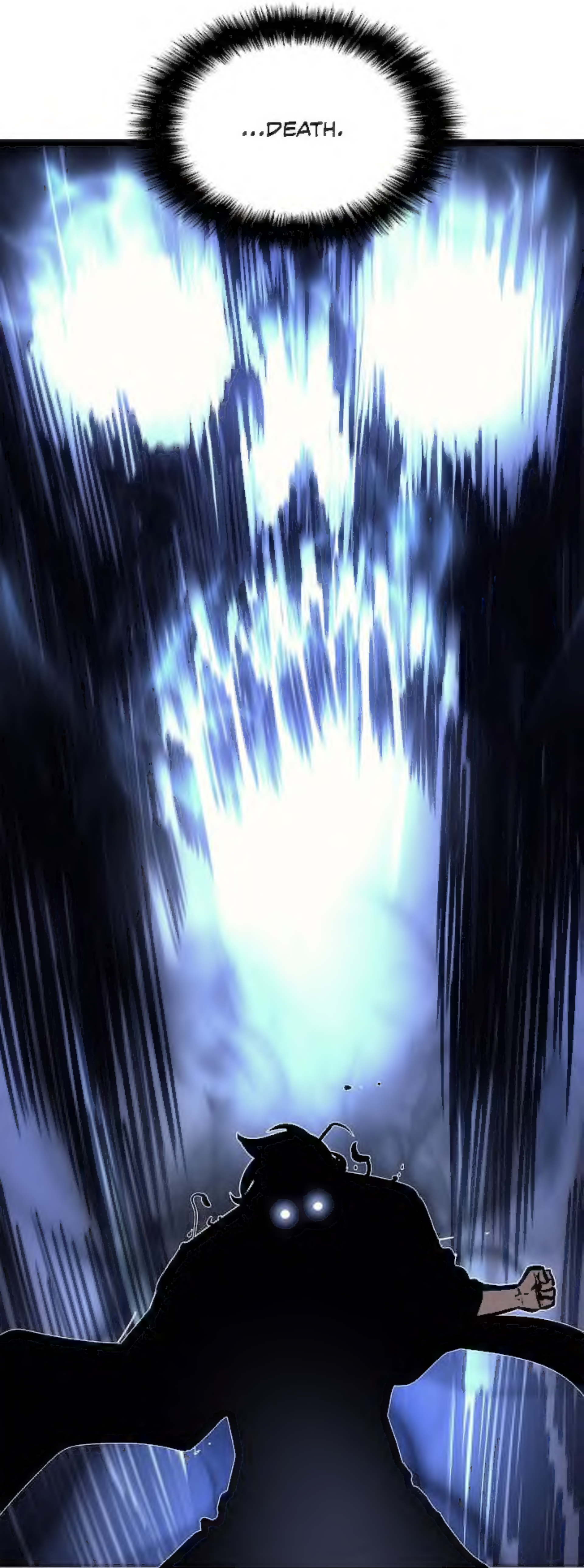
THE HELICOPTER
CARRYING THE HUNTERS
FLEW TOWARD JEJU
ISLAND.



AT THAT
MOMENT, I THINK
I FELT...







HAA...
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH ME...?

I'VE
BECOME OVERLY
SENSITIVE...



To Be Continued...

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